

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL --
ORIGINAL PATENT APPLICATION

- Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: **WILLIAM W. STEWART and BRIAN E. STEWART**

For: **IDENTIFICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR SURGICAL SPONGES**

Enclosed: 6 Pages of specification
4 Pages of claims
1 Page of Abstract
2 Sheets of drawings
Verified Statement (Dec) Claiming Small Entity Status
Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
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- This Application claims the benefit of a prior provisional U.S. application. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence: "This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.: 60/025,629, filed on 09/04/96."
- Enclosed is a copy of the aforementioned provisional application, including its Transmittal and Small Entity Form.
- Also, enclosed is a copy of the filing receipt for that provisional patent application.

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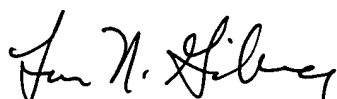
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